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1. The following military installations in Southern Sakhalin were observed between 1945 and 1950:
  - a. An ammunition factory behind Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (Toyohara, 46-57N, 142-44E) railway station was garrisoned by one Soviet division. \*
  - b. In Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk there was a large air base with troops of almost divisional strength (before 1949).
  - c. Another ammunition factory was in the former Oji Paper Mill at Kholmsk (Maoka, 47-03N, 142-03E). On a hill behind the factory were artillery troops with about 10 anti-aircraft guns, with headquarters in a house which was formerly the property of the paper mill.
  - d. Motorized infantry troops were stationed at the former Maoka Girls' High School.
  - e. In the mountains two and a half miles southwest of Kholmsk Station and a mile to a mile and a quarter southwest of the Kholmsk public square were 30,000 Soviet troops with Katyusha rocket launchers in a severely restricted area.
  - f. A transportation unit was stationed about 300 yards from the Kholmsk railway station.
  - g. There was one battalion of troops in Novelsk (Monto, 44-52N, 144-40E) (before 1949).

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2. [REDACTED] the Soviets did not consider Sakhalin of major importance as a strategic area, and for that reason they did not build any new building after they occupied it. On the other hand, many buildings burned down.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment: A division would be far in excess of the number of troops required to guard or even to operate an ammunition factory. The informant may not have known that the Russian word divizion means battalion, not division (diviziya). Even if the troops were merely quartered in a defunct ammunition factory, a division would be excessive.

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